

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 and 13-19: cancelled.

20. (new) A method of dry cleaning and/or degreasing textiles and/or leathers, the method comprising successive stages of tumbling the textiles and/or leathers in an enclosure,
wherein one of said tumbling stages includes pneumatic atomization of an aqueous dry cleaning composition comprising essential oils and surface active agents to a particle size of no more than 50 µm to impregnate the textiles and/or leathers until they gain about 5% to 70% in weight, wherein the enclosure is maintained in a leak-tight condition and at a temperature less than or equal to 45°C during the pneumatic atomization, and
wherein said composition is etherizable and micronizable to less than 50 µm, and its ingredients are exclusively of vegetal origin.

21. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the enclosure comprises a drum provided inside the enclosure and a door projecting out from the enclosure, said door is provided with a pneumatic atomization nozzle which is positioned in such a manner as to achieve spraying throughout the interior of the drum as soon as a spray enters into the drum during the pneumatic atomization stage.

22. (new) A method according to claim 21, wherein the door is of a frustoconical shape which tapers from a larger end pressing against the enclosure to a smaller end closed by an end wall, the nozzle is mounted centrally in the end wall at said smaller end of the frustoconical shape, the nozzle being situated at such a distance from the drum so as to achieve spraying throughout the interior of the drum as soon as a spray enters into the drum.

23. (new) A method according to claim 22, wherein said distance is about 300 mm.

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24. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes at least one entirely pure and natural essential oil selected from the group comprising the essential oils of *Cymbopogon*, *Mentha piperata*, *Eucalyptus citriodora*, *Eugenia*, and *Citrus limonum*.

25. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes at least one surface active agent of exclusively vegetal origin which is well tolerated by the skin, said surface active agent being selected from the group comprising extracts of wheat, soy bean, palm, cocoa, coprah, olive, and fucus.

26. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes at least one component selected from the group comprising oils, vegetable glycerin, and floral waters.

27. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes at least one component selected from the group comprising fruit alcohol, tree gum, and natural wax.

28. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes at least one additive having at least one property selected from the group of properties comprising humectant, antistatic, antioxidant, antibacterial, sanitizing, fluidifying, softening, bulking, and preserving properties.

29. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition includes enzymatic compounds and/or salts.

30. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition has a pH in the range of 6 to 8.

31. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the aqueous dry cleaning composition is prepared from a concentrate.

32 (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said concentrate comprises:

- a) at least one 100% pure and natural essential oil, representing 0.5% to 10% by weight of the composition;
- b) at least one detergent and emulsifying surface active agent of exclusively vegetal origin that is well tolerated by the skin, representing 5% to 20% by weight of the composition;
- c) at least one component selected from the group comprising oils, vegetable glycerin, and floral waters, representing 5% to 90% by weight of the composition;
- d) at least one component selected from the group comprising fruit alcohol, tree gum, and natural wax, representing 0.5% to 30% by weight of the composition;
- e) at least one additive having at least one property selected from the group of properties comprising humectant, antistatic, antioxidant, antibacterial, sanitizing, fluidifying, softening, bulking, brightening, and preserving properties, representing 0.1% to 10% by weight of the composition; and
- f) at least one enzymatic compound and/or salt, representing 0.05% to 10% by weight of the composition.

33. (new) A method according to claim 20, wherein the weight gain of the textiles and/or leathers is in the range of 5% to 40%.

34. (new) A method according to claim 20, consisting of the following successive tumbling stages: preliminary tumbling stage; pneumatic atomization of the aqueous dry cleaning composition; cleaning stage; drying stage; and cooling stage.

35. (new) A machine for dry cleaning textiles and leathers, the machine comprising:

- a drum provided with beaters mounted in a leak-tight enclosure;
- heater means;
- suction means;
- filter means;
- control means; and

a door of frustoconical shape projecting outwards from the enclosure and tapering from a larger end pressing against the enclosure to a smaller end closed by an end wall, the door being provided with a pneumatic nozzle mounted centrally in the end wall at the smaller end of the frustoconical shape, the nozzle being situated at a distance from the enclosure and the drum;

said machine including means for producing within the enclosure pneumatic atomization to a particle size of no more than 50 µm of an aqueous dry cleaning composition for a specified period of time and at a temperature less than or equal to 45°C, to impregnate the textiles and leathers until they gain about 5% to 70% in weight, wherein said aqueous dry cleaning composition comprises essential oils and surface active agents, the composition being etherizable and micronizable to less than 50 µm and its ingredients being exclusively of vegetal origin.

36. (new) A dry cleaning machine according to claim 35, wherein said distance is about 300 mm.

37. (new) A dry cleaning machine according to claim 35, wherein the drum rotates, and the direction of rotation is alternatively changed from the beginning to the end of a dry cleaning cycle.

38. (new) A dry cleaning machine according to claim 37, wherein the direction of rotation of the drum is reversed every 30 seconds.

39. (new) A dry cleaning machine according to claim 35, wherein filtering is carried out continuously and in a closed circuit from the beginning to the end of a dry cleaning cycle.

40. (new) A dry cleaning machine according to claim 35, wherein the beaters are disposed obliquely flaring apart away from the nozzle.